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| **Weekly Events in the Parish**  **Monday** - Convent Prayer Group:  St Joseph’s Nursing Home in the  Convent Chapel at 1.30 p.m.  **Tuesday** - Knit & Natter Group:  Meets in the Parish Room at 2.00 p.m.  **Thursday** - **Choir Practice:**  Every Thursday evening at 7.30 p.m.  **Rosary:**  A Decade of the Rosary is said after each  weekday Mass in Church. |
| **Our Parish Schools**  **Blessed Mother Teresa of Kolkata Primary**  Address: Somerset Road, Stafford, ST 17 9UZ  Telephone: 01785 413276  Website: www.bmtschool.co.uk  **St. Austin’s Primary**  Address: Garden Street, Stafford, ST17 4BT  Telephone: 01785 413277  Website: www.st-austins.org.uk  **Blessed William Howard Catholic High School**  Address: Rowley Avenue, Stafford, ST17 9AB  Telephone: 01785 244236  Website: www.bwh.staffs.sch.uk |
| **Other Catholic Churches in Stafford**  St. Anne’s:  Parish Priest: Fr. Robert Devaney  Address: Lynton Avenue, Stafford, ST17 0EA  Telephone: 01785 661012  Email: stannes.stafford@gmail.com  Website: www.st-annes-st.org.uk  Saturday: Confessions 5.30pm  Vigil Mass 6.00pm  Sunday: Mass 11.15am  **St. Patrick’s:** *Served from St Anne’s*  Address: 48 Sandon Road, Stafford, ST16 3HF  Sunday: Confessions 9.00am  Mass 9.30am |
| **Offertory Collection**  **Gift Aid Envelopes: £**  **Loose: £**    ***Many thanks for your offerings last week*** |

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| **14th June 2020**  Mass Times & Intentions | | | |
| Mass Book: Page 83| Sunday Cycle: Year A  Psalter: Week 3| Weekday Cycle: Year 2 | | | |
| ***Corpus Christi*** | | | |
| Sunday | Vigil Mass 4:30pm |  | Ailish Conlon |
|  | Mass 10:30am |  | People of the Parish |
| Monday  ***Feria*** | Mass 10.00 am |  | Private Intention  Tony Donnelly |
| Tuesday  ***Feria*** | Mass 10.00 am |  | Michael Joyce  Matt McKiernan |
| Wednesday  ***Feria*** | Mass 7.00 pm |  | John Charleton  Kathleen Clancy |
| Thursday  ***Feria*** | Mass 10.00 am |  | K & P Finglass  Johnnie Timlin |
| Friday  ***Sacred Heart*** | Mass 12.00 Noon |  | Bina Hoy  Tommy Morrisey |
| Saturday  ***Vigil Mass of Sunday*** | Mass 4.30 pm |  | Johnny Swift  Pat McCluskey |
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| **Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time** | | | |
| Sunday | Mass 10.30 am | Ted McGregor | |
|  |  |  | People of the Parish |
| Primary School Masses: St Austin’s (STA) & Blessed Mother Teresa’s (BMT) | | | |

**ST. AUSTIN’S NEWSLETTER**

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**Parish Clergy**

**Parish Priest:** Canon Michael Neylon

**Priest in Residence:** Fr. Joseph Narikuzhi

**Parish Safeguarding Representative:** Mrs. Sue Kelly, 07875549906

Rev. David McCarrol

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**Anniversaries**

Patrick Morris, Eileen Forbes, Mary Bishop, Marion Alcock, Mary Caddick, Elizabeth Perry, John Rogers, John & Bridget Gilhooly, Stephen Betts, Mary Bosworth, Tom Walsh, Rose Dodd, Shirley Jones, Patrick Lynch, David Haley, Anne Atkins, Freddie Sandy, Diane Attwood, Petronella Danker, Victoria Bott, Ronald Dobbing, James Radcliffe, Annie Eley, Theresa McAllister, Alan Read, Teresa Johnson, Fr. Alphonsus Power, Fr. Joseph Davenport, Fr. John Harrington, Fr. Laurence Jones, Fr. Hubert Mooney, Fr. Michael Doona, Fr. George Smith, Fr. Eric Morgan,

**The God Who Speaks – The Year of the Word**

**MARRIAGE MATTERS** ([www.twoinoneflesh.org.uk](http://www.twoinoneflesh.org.uk))

**Feed your love**

Without food we die! Our wedding promise was to nourish each other so that we bring life to our marriage. We feed each other in all the little countless ways, but particularly in our tender lovemaking, our talking and listening, support and encouragement, particularly in times of doubt and uncertainty. In these ways our marriage will grow and shine.

**Counters:** Group this week. Group next week

**Piety Room:** Thanks for your continuous support of the Piety Room. As well as the Catholic papers a variety of cards, rosaries and other items are available on sale.

**Reopening of Churches:** It was good to hear the announcement last Sunday that churches can open again for **PRIVATE PRAYER** from Monday 15th June onwards.

Before Churches can reopen, however they need Risk Assessments along with Health & Safety and Safeguarding issues have to be considered in line with the directions from the Bishops Conference and Diocesan Insurers. When they are done, teams of Cleaners and Stewards ( who are not over 70) have to be organised and trained.

I met the Parish Health & Safety Representatives in Church on Friday and we started the process. We have set out the church in a way that can comfortably hold **26** people at one time while observing social distancing. Cleaning materials and hand gel have been ordered. We reckon for starters to open the for one hour on two days a week and review it regularly, (days and times to be decided). **We invite volunteer cleaners and stewards (not over 70) to come to a meeting in the Parish Hall on Friday 19th June at 7.00 p.m. to plan and organise how we move forward.**

**A Message from the Catholic Bishops Conference of England and Wales**

Wednesday, June 3rd, 2020

“We stand in solidarity with our sisters and brothers in the USA as they challenge the evil of racism and the brutal killing of George Floyd. As the US Bishops made clear: ‘we cannot turn a blind eye to these atrocities and yet still try to profess to respect every human life. We serve a God of love, mercy, and justice.’

“Systemic racism is embedded in our own society. The disproportionate harm suffered by BAME people throughout the COVID-19 pandemic has highlighted profound inequalities, marginalisation and injustice here in the UK. The peaceful Black Lives Matter protests taking place in our towns and cities this week reflect the understandable anger that so many people feel about this.

“As Catholics we recognise that racism is an evil which must be opposed; we all have a responsibility for actively promoting racial justice. Whenever we ignore racism or dismiss BAME people’s experience of it, we are complicit in violations of human dignity. We pray for God’s help to overcome racism in all its forms and that we might protect everyone who suffers its consequences. We are all made in God’s image.”

Bishop Declan Lang

Lead Bishop for International Affairs

Bishop Paul McAleenan

Lead Bishop for Racial Justice

**Christian Food Help:** We are now discontinuing our regular deliveries until the lockdown has been lifted, but are still accepting food donations and are happy to help anybody who is vulnerable or at risk. If you have any queries, please contact us at [christianfoodhelp@gmail.com](mailto:christianfoodhelp@gmail.com)

**Mental Health Tips for Lockdown:** These have been provided by Paul Farmer who is the Chief Executive of MIND, the Mental Health Charity.

**Sleep** well, **Eat** well, **Exercise** well, **Meditate** and **pray** well, **Identify** someone you trust who you can talk to -***Really******talk to***, **Improve** your listening skills

**Avoid** social media and too much news

**Take up** or revive a pastime or hobby

**First Holy Communion & Confirmation:**

Our thoughts and prayers are with the children and families who were due to celebrate First Holy Communion this Sunday, the Feast of Corpus Christi. Please God when churches open again for public worship we look forward to rearranging the celebration. The same is true for all who were due to celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation on Sunday 28th June, the Feast of Saints peter and Paul, In the meantime we keep one another in prayer.